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1 to twelve officers per thousand, on average, throughout the
2 rest of the country; and

3 WHEREAS, lawlessness and disrespect result from awareness
4 on the part of offenders that there is too little money for
5 enforcement and too little space for incarceration; and

6 WHEREAS, detention facilities in Crownpoint, Shiprock and
7 Ramah will soon close because of dilapidation, overcrowding and
8 hazardous conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, because Shiprock and Crownpoint have no juvenile
10 facilities, young people arrested there are transported to
11 Tohatchi, approximately sixty-five miles away, or to the Chinle
12 youth corrections facility, nearly one hundred fifty miles
13 away; and

14 WHEREAS, Navajo Nation facilities in New Mexico serve over
15 ten thousand of the approximately thirty-eight thousand adult
16 prisoners per year incarcerated on the Navajo Nation; and

17 WHEREAS, crime is on the rise on the Navajo Nation even
18 though the violent crime rate is declining nationwide; and

19 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has tried unsuccessfully, since
20 2000, to get federal funding for improved corrections
21 facilities for Native American adults and youth;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be
24 encouraged to provide thirty-five million seven hundred
25 thousand dollars (\$35,700,000) for new facilities at Shiprock,

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1 Crownpoint and Ramah; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's congressional
3 delegation be made aware of the vital importance of the
4 improvement of corrections facilities and programs on the
5 Navajo Nation; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 sent to the members of the congressional delegation and to the
8 Navajo Nation.

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